

## Destination: The Helen Link Daffodil Gardens and Dr. Goethe Link Observatory in Martinsville, Indiana



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The naturalized daffodil gardens of Helen K. Link will be open to the public on Easter weekend (March 26-27) and all weekends in April, with peak bloom predicted early this year – Easter weekend and the first weekend in April 2016. Hours are 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM and parking is available at the Observatory parking lot. Docents from the [Morgan County Master Gardeners](#) and Indiana Daffodil Society will be in the garden during peak times to answer any questions about Helen Link, the gardens, or daffodils.

The Indiana Astronomical Society will have the Observatory open for people who want to learn more about the Links, Goethe and Helen, and see the inside of a most remarkable building during the two peak weekends of the daffodils blooming.



[The Dr Goethe Link Observatory](#) is the home to the [The Indiana Astronomical Society](#), a dedicated group of enthusiastic sky watchers in central Indiana. On their website is a 7 page article about the “new” Observatory that was published in the Dec 1940 issue of [Popular Astronomy](#) titled [“The New Goethe Link Observatory”](#), by [Victor E. Maier](#). Wikipedia has a nice write up of the [Link](#)

Observatory, too, including asteroid discoveries made there.

## Directions to the Helen Link Gardens and the Dr. Goethe Link Observatory

8403 N. Observatory Lane, Martinsville, IN

From Indianapolis, starting from the intersection of I-465 & HW 67, it is 15.4 miles to the gardens and observatory. It is easy to miss Observatory Road (there's no stop light), so first look for Gray Brothers Cafeteria on the west side of HW 67 in Mooresville, and then travel another 4.75 miles to Observatory Road and turn sharply right. Drive up a fairly steep hill and drive for another 1.3 miles to Observatory Lane and turn right again. The entrance to the Goethe Link Observatory and Daffodil Gardens is almost immediately on the right. The gate may be locked if you go at times other than on weekends.

If you have questions please contact Ruth Pelouch at [pelouch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pelouch@sbcglobal.net) or call her at 765-342-9151.



Daffodils naturalized in the sod in the Helen K. Link garden.

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